

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3142 - SB 3100

February 17, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from \$50 to \$500 the civil penalty for the violation of an order of protection or a court-approved consent agreement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$481,000/Domestic Violence Community Education Fund

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, approximately 7,400 orders of protection are served annually. Approximately one-fifth, or 1,480 (7,400/5), are violated each year resulting in revenue of \$74,000.
- The Department estimates that an increase in penalty will deter some individuals from violating the orders of protection. If violations are reduced by 25 percent, the increased penalty of \$500 would apply to approximately 1,110 [1,480 x (1-.25)] violations resulting in revenue of \$555,000.
- The increase in revenue is estimated to be \$481,000 (\$555,000 - \$74,000).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 36-3-610 (c), all funds collected are deposited into the Domestic Violence Community Education Fund.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

/kml

HB 3142 - SB 3100